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The ‘original writing’ of the permit issued under the corrupt Melinda Bolling administration of DCRA should never have been issued. It did not address the technical objections submitted nor did it address the historic district designation. Only after an external party email was sent was there any attention at all to this permit. An excerpt of that email is below:

The Building Code outlines the grounds on which a permit can be revoked (DCMR 12, Section 105.6.1-7) and generally pertain to matters of false statements, dangerous or illegal construction, or errors by issuance. Clearly that these permits were issued in error and this is legitimate grounds for revoking the permits.

The need for at least one special exemption and a HD review were required. Staff at the Zoning office and DCRA were either negligent in their responsibilities, grossly incompetent, or intentionally and purposely ignored the requirements and issued the permits wrongly. This is unacceptable at any level.

This matter should not be swept under the rug nor covered up; this should be addressed honestly and professionally. It's always the cover up that is the biggest problem, and we have seen too much incompetence in OP lately.

I trust that you, as well as the other individuals addressed in this email, will serve us well by following the letter of the law. I look forward to a prompt resolution to this matter as time is of the essence.

This project received scrutiny only via email and not via workflow. Multiple FOIA requests were made in order to determine what the plans were for this project because the project dox was not operating properly. Even after receiving the plans via FOIA the board at that time agreed that they were “messy” and “unfortunate” and “inconsistent” — how would anyone know what to appeal in this mess. Had anyone at DCRA done their job initially the original writing of the permit would never have occurred and to be sure no one should have accepted \$1,040.00 to appeal it if it were untimely. If ever there were reason for a new board to reconsider the rule of first writing it would be this appeal. The irony here being that we are now five years after the board deemed this appeal untimely.

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